to sail It seemeth likely that some surprise is intended, for the carpenttib and all others about the fleet woik on the Sabbath Day, which is confirmed by the hugeness of the ships, that will carry many soldiers, since smaller vessels are far fitter for the coast of Brittany At Brest, the Spaniards, having received no impediment, have finished the fortification of Old Croyzon, within the port, and, the better to command the haven, have also built a strong place at the very entrance Now that Blavet and Belle Isle are theirs, there will be no entrance for the Queen's fleet Their ships are huge, eight being between 800 and 1000 tons, two others of good burden, and divers galleys, full filled with soldiers

22nd June THE CHAMBERLAIN'S BREAK WITH THE ADMIRAL'S

The Chamberlain's men have broken with the Admiral's and go to play at James Burbage's house, the Theatre, in Shore-ditch Their chief players now are Richard Burbage, Will Kemp, the Clown, William Shakespeare, Thomas Pope, John Heminges, Augustine Phillips and George Bryan The Admiral's, with Edward Alleyn, are returned to the Rose, where they played this week *Bellendon* (twice), *Cutlack, The Ranger's Comedy, The Massacre at Pans* , with Alleyn go John Singer, Richard Jones, Thomas Towne, Martin Slaughter, Edward Juby, Thomas Button and James Dunstan

26*7; *June* THE FUNERAL OF THE BISHOP OF LONDON

This day John Aylmer, Bishop of London, was solemnly interred in his cathedral church of St Paul before St Thomas' Chapel

THE CHARACTER OF BISHOP AYLMER

Bishop Aylmer was a man but mean of

stature, yet m his youth very valiant, which he forgot not in his age No bishop was more persecuted and taunted by the Puritans than he was by libels, by scoffs, by open railing and privy backbiting The story is well known of what passed between him and one Mr Madox, a Puritan, for when the bishop had reproved him about some matter and he answered somewhat untowardly and overthwartly, the bishop (as he was ingenious ever) said unto him, * Thy very name expresseth thy nature, for *Madox* is thy name, and thou art as mad a beast as ever I talked with' The